



# **PIER Electricity Energy Storage Program Rationale & Overview**

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# Overview

- ★ **PIER Electrical Energy Storage Program**
- ★ **Rationale for Electrical Energy Storage Program**
- ★ **Current Status of the Program**



## **History of Energy Commission Funding of Electricity Energy Storage Technologies.**

- \* Commission has been exploring electricity energy storage (EES) since 1990.**
- \* Commission funded RD&D for compressed air energy storage, flywheels, capacitors and modular pumped hydro till year 2002.**
- \* Most of the work was on feasibility and component development.**



# **PIER ELECTRICITY ENERGY STORAGE INITIATIVE**

- \* In 2002, PIER initiated an EES program, in cooperation with US DOE that cuts across all the PIER segments.**
- \* The program builds upon the component level and system RD&D already completed by the US DOE and other organizations.**
- \* PIER goal is to test & demonstrate seamless integration of emerging EES technologies in the California electricity system.**



# **Program Background**

## **Recent Trends....**

- ★ **California has had problems with electric supply, reliability and price spikes in recent years.**
- ★ **California energy crisis brought forth an appreciation for reliability, load management, demand reduction and energy efficiency – and a willingness to pay for it by some customers.**



# Promising Developments in Storage Technologies



- ★ Rapid evolution in electricity storage technologies with desirable attributes make them viable options to solve California's electrical system problems.
- ★ A few technologies have advanced to the pre-commercialization stage.
- ★ Encouraging demonstration by the US DOE, utilities and other organizations.
- ★ Development in power conversion, control & communications technologies for integration with user's energy systems & the grid.



# SPECIFIC PROBLEMS SEEKING SOLUTIONS

## Renewable Resources

- ★ 1800 MW of underutilized wind power.
- ★ Mandate for 20% Renewable use by 2017.

## Transmission & Distribution Congestion

- ★ Transmission bottleneck joining CA north & south
- ★ San Francisco transmission bottleneck



# SPECIFIC PROBLEMS SEEKING SOLUTIONS



## System Reliability

- ★ Events such as in 1996 & 2003 grid collapse causing blackouts require immunity
- ★ Ancillary Services for reserve margins, frequency control, reactive power etc are getting expensive.

## Distributed Generation Proliferation

- ★ Provide load following capability.
- ★ Seamless transition to back-up power





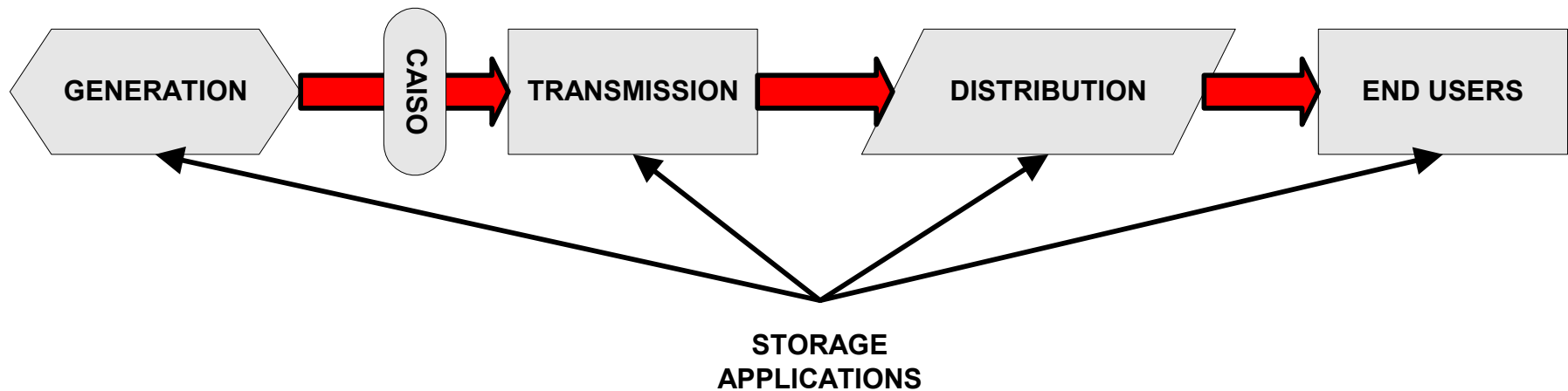
## SPECIFIC PROBLEMS SEEKING SOLUTIONS

### Industrial & Commercial Customers

- ★ Required to shed loads at short notice
- ★ Want to reduce peak demand charges
- ★ Want pollution free back-up power
- ★ Put premium on reliability & power quality.



# Storage Applications Throughout the California Electrical System





## Electrical Energy Storage Program Goal

*Seek viable options for electricity problems through  
**demonstration of electric energy storage** as a  
technically sound, **cost-effective** and **broadly**  
**applicable** solution for reliable electricity system  
capacity and for electric energy management in  
California.*



## Seeking a Solution with Value, Not Another Technology Demonstration

- ★ **Move beyond a technical demonstration.**
- ★ **Demonstrate integration with the grid, user need and an economic viability.**
- ★ **Facilitate the transition of a demonstrated, emerging technologies emerging to the next phase.**



## **Defined & Established Value** **for California EES Applications**

- ★ DOE & California Energy Commission (CEC) sponsored studies to assess the value of selected applications.
- ★ Analysis focused on use of storage for selected applications with discernable benefits and Markets
- ★ Calculated the price goals EES applications have to meet for California specific needs.



# Overview of Valuation Process

## **Electric Energy Storage Benefits, Value and Markets**

- ★ Selected suitable utility, customer and renewable applications.
- ★ Matched potential storage opportunities with California system problems.
- ★ Calculated monetary value of benefits(\$/kW value, MW saved, site specific and state-wide benefits).
- ★ Developed Market Potential Estimates.

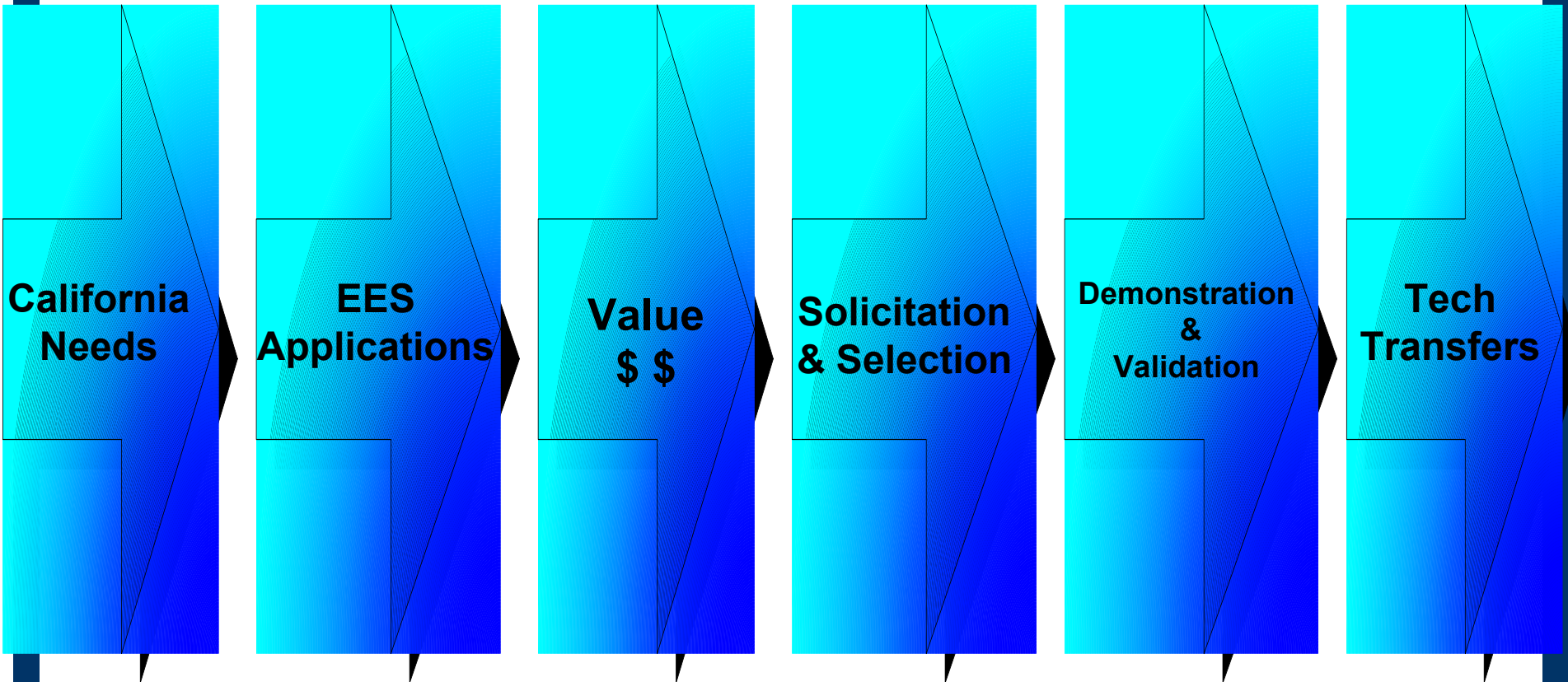


# Applications

- ★ **Bulk Electricity Price Arbitrage**
- ★ **Utility T & D Deferral**
- ★ **Customer Time-of-Use Cost Savings**
- ★ **Customer Demand Charge Cost Savings**
- ★ **Customer Premium Power**
- ★ **Onsite Generation Time-Shift (Off-Peak to On-Peak)**
- ★ **Renewables Capacity Firming**
- ★ **Renewables Contractual Time-of-production Payments**



# Program Process





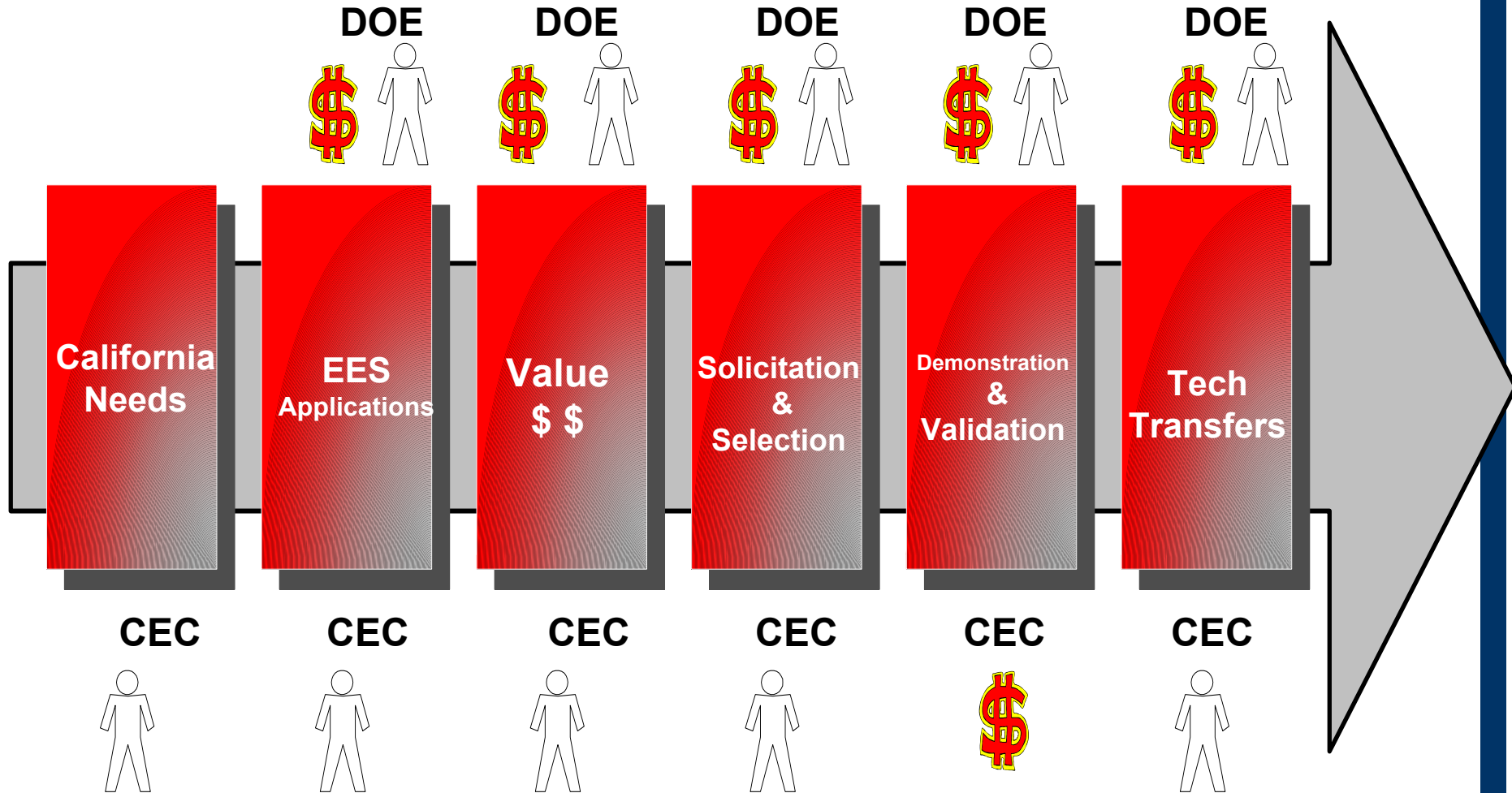


## PROGRAM STATUS TO DATE

- ★ RFP issued for \$ 5 million. 4 projects funded.  
1 was cancelled after the contracting company was acquired by another company.
- ★ Selection based on use of storage for applications with discernable, tangible benefits to utilities, Cal-ISO and end-user.
- ★ Sandia National Laboratory monitoring the performance with funding from the US DOE.



# CEC/DOE Partnership





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